

Arlington
National Cemetery
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Commemorative Monuments and Memorials
September 2018

UNCLASSIFIED

3rd Infantry Division Monument (1988)

Argonne Cross (WWI)

Battle of the Bulge Memorial (2006)

Beirut Barracks

Canadian Cross of Sacrifice Memorial (1927)

Chaplains Hill and Monuments

Civil War Unknown Monument

Coast Guard Memorial

Confederate Memorial

Iran Rescue Mission Monument

Korean War Contemplative Bench (1987)

McClellan Gate (1864 or soon after)

Nurses Memorial (Section 21)

Pan Am Flight 103 Memorial Cairn

9-11 / Pentagon Group Burial Marker

President John F. Kennedy Gravesite

President William Howard Taft Monument

Robert F. Kennedy Gravesite

Rough Riders Monument (1907)

Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

Space Shuttle Columbia Memorial

Spanish-American War Monument

Spanish-American War Nurses

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

USS Maine Mast Memorial

USS Serpens Monument

USS Forrestal

Woodhull Memorial Flagstaff

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots and Crewmembers

Key

Traditional monument – No remains associated

Monument or memorial near the fallen it represents

Monument or memorial marking remains of the fallen

Memorial “In Memory of” specific person(s) or singular tragedy

Memorial Markers -

ANC preserves space specifically for memorializing individual service members whose remains are missing, never recovered, scattered, or buried at sea (Public Law 112-154).

There are currently 3,189 memorial headstones at ANC for these missing or never returned service members (299 spaces remain for future missing or lost).

Group Markers -

There are hundreds of group burial markers at Arlington National Cemetery, ranging in size.

However, it is important not to confuse a group burial with that of an Unknown. In a group burial, the individuals are known, but because of the circumstances of their deaths, they are individually unidentifiable. When this occurs, the DoD directs that all remains be interred together and a headstone be erected with each person's name and other data engraved upon it.

Memorial Arboretum -

Arlington has few commemorative works that do not memorialize the individual service member. In total, there are 164 commemorative works – **143 being commemorative tree monuments***. Due to the dwindling capacity of the cemetery, these works have been more closely regulated in recent times – and only four have been placed within the last quarter of a century.



Memorial areas. The Secretary may set aside a suitable area to honor the memory of those:

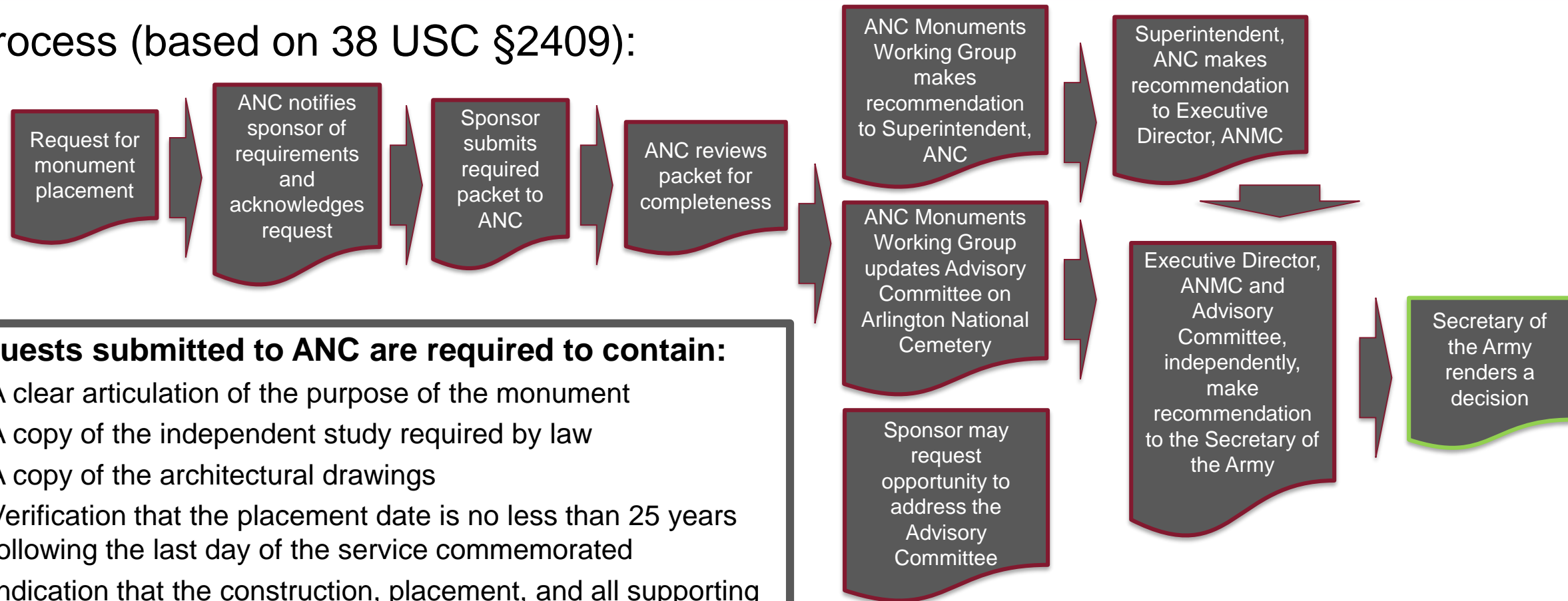
- ☐ Missing in action
- ☐ Remains not recovered
- ☐ Buried at sea
- ☐ Remains donated to science
- ☐ Ashes scattered without interment of any portion of the ashes



Except for a monument containing or marking remains, no monument may be placed except if the following criteria are met:

- ☐ The monument commemorates an individual, or individuals, whose memory is to be honored or a particular military event that occurred more than 25 years in the past
- ☐ The monument can be placed in an area not suitable for burial and the Commission of Fine Arts must be consulted regarding the design
- ☐ A non-governmental entity pays for 100% of costs and provides rationale for placement at ANC
- ☐ SecArmy must notify Congressional Oversight Committees (if approved) and must allow 60 days (for Congressional disapproval) before placement

Process (based on 38 USC §2409):

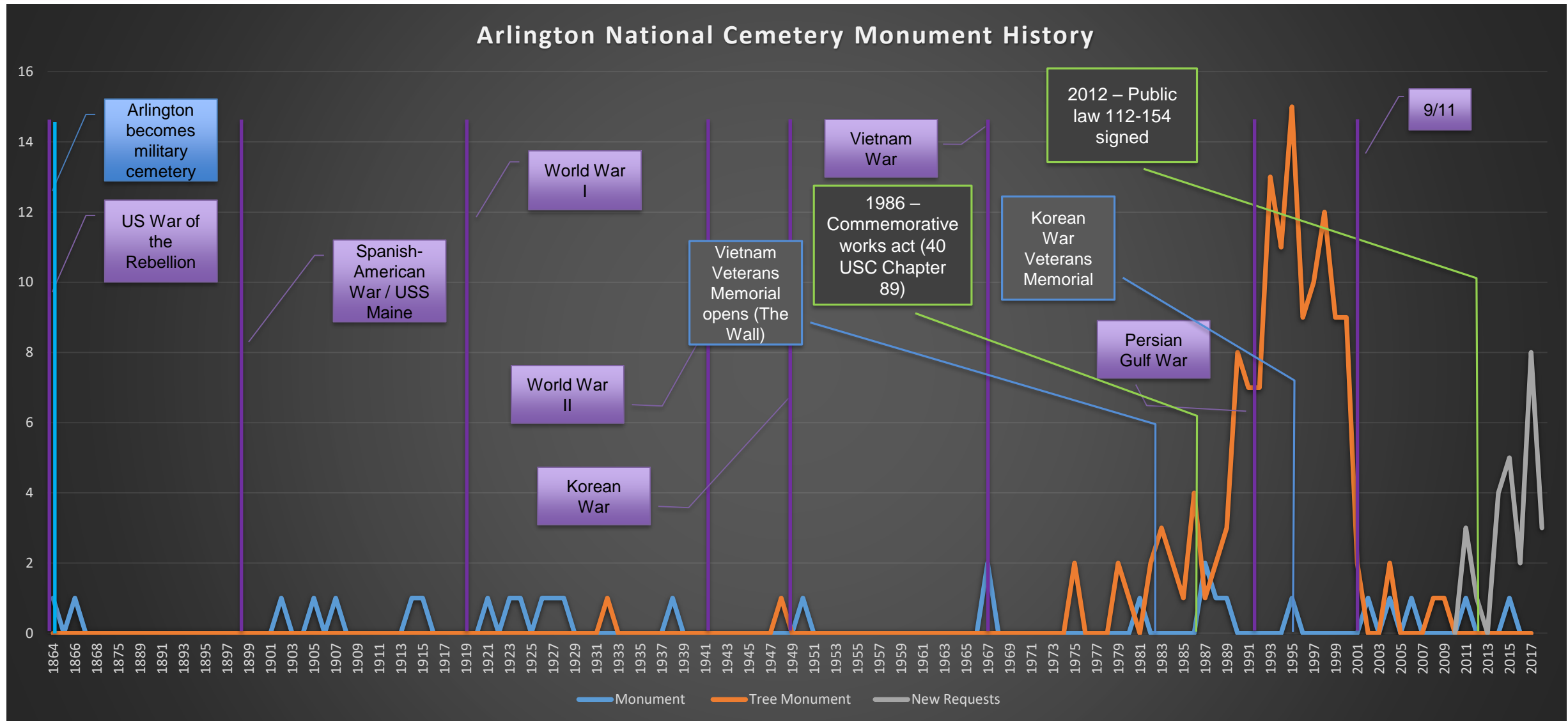


Requests submitted to ANC are required to contain:

- ☐ A clear articulation of the purpose of the monument
- ☐ A copy of the independent study required by law
- ☐ A copy of the architectural drawings
- ☐ Verification that the placement date is no less than 25 years following the last day of the service commemorated
- ☐ Indication that the construction, placement, and all supporting activities for the installation of the monument will be paid for and sustained in perpetuity from the sponsoring organization's privately-sourced funds. Certification of funds must be included.

* This chart is provided as a general depiction of this process. It is not authoritative.

Commemorative monument trends at ANC



Commemorative works update

Congressionally sponsored	Pending sponsor action	Pending action	Pending SecArmy action	Approved	Disapproved	Closed
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Congressionally sponsored:

Freedman's Village (NDAA 2019)

Pending sponsoring organization action:

Hurtgen Forest lost (2015)

Office of Strategic Services (2015)

Protestant Chaplains update (2017)

Masons in Military Service (2017)

Benches of Liberty (2017)

USS Liberty (2017)

28th ID (PAARNG) (2017)

Khobar Towers (2017)

Counterparts – Advisors and Allies (2017)

Apollo 1 (2017)

Korean Defense (2017)

Fife and Drum fallen (2018)

Operation Just Cause (2018)

Pending action:

USS Thresher (2012)

Approved:

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots &
Crewmembers

Disapproved:

National Army Security Agency Association
8th AD Association
12th AD Veterans

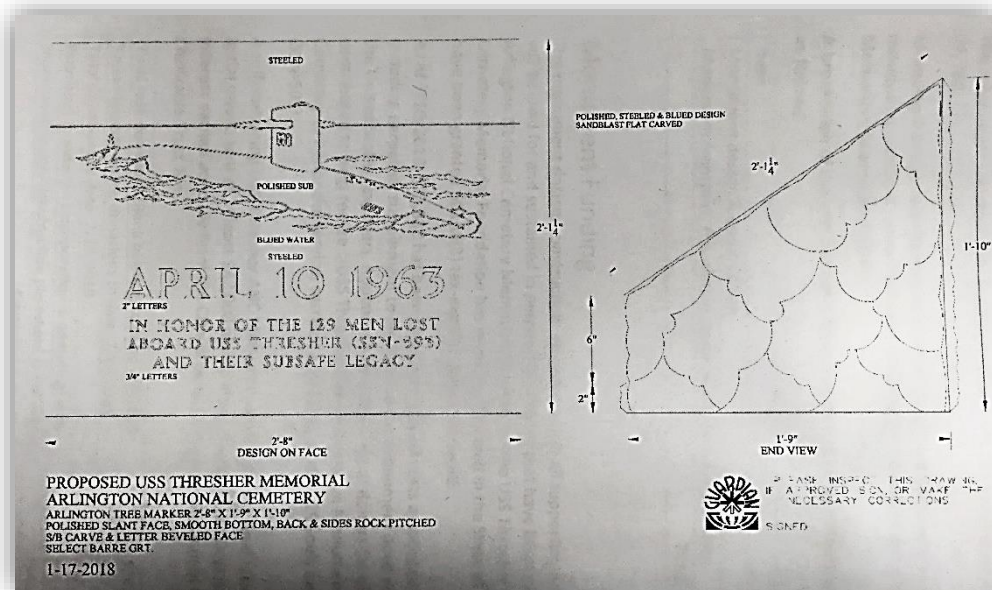
Closed:

24th ID MOH recipients
1st BN 5th CAV Regiment/ 2nd BN 12th CAV
Regiment
USS Cole
254th Infantry Regiment
USS F4
Society of the Honor Guard

Crew of the USS Thresher (SSN 593)

SSN 593 proposal deemed proper and complete:

- ✓ A clear articulation of the purpose of the monument
- ✓ A copy of the independent study required by law
- ✓ A copy of the architectural drawings (*need clear copies*)
- ✓ Verification that the placement date is no less than 25 years following the last day of the service commemorated
- ✓ Indication that the construction, placement, and all supporting activities for the installation of the monument will be paid for and sustained in perpetuity from the sponsoring organization's privately-sourced funds. Certification of funds must be included.



External support

Families and supporters	4,886 letters
Congress	15 letters

